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Carrie Phillips selected as Chief of Natural Resource Management for Cape Cod National Seashore

Superintendent George Price announces that Carrie Phillips has been selected as the permanent Chief of Natural Resource Management for the Cape Cod National Seashore. Carrie will be replacing Nancy Finley who moved to become the Chief of Natural Resource Management and Science for Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee and North Carolina, in January. Carrie has been acting division chief since Nancy's departure.

In making the announcement, Superintendent Price said, "Carrie has demonstrated a tremendous capacity to work with the park management team and local communities to further resource management goals in this very complex park. She is enthusiastic and will bring creative energy to many of our programs. She also has a varied background with the National Park Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other experiences which are directly applicable to park as we take on new challenges."

Carrie has been the Research and Monitoring Coordinator for the Cape Cod National Seashore since May, 2001. She has been working with park scientists and research partners to develop scientifically robust information on the park's ecosystems through the Atlantic Research Center and the Prototype Long-Term Ecosystem Monitoring programs. She is very excited to continue to work with these programs as the park expands into the permanent Atlantic Research Center located at the Highlands Center in Truro. The Resource Management Division consists of specialists in: Wildlife, Plant, and Aquatic Ecology; Hydrology: GIS; Chemistry; and a Data Manager to support the tremendous amount of technical needs. The division works with many Cape Cod towns on a variety of projects including a number of wetland restoration projects. The division also hosts national and international visiting scientists.

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In accepting the position Carrie said, "I've been really lucky to work with the park's outstanding scientists, technicians, and data manager as the Research and Monitoring Coordinator -- I feel doubly lucky to now have this opportunity to support these talented people in a new way. I'm also really happy to have the chance to work more closely with the park's interdisciplinary management team and our partners in tackling some pretty exciting and challenging projects."

Prior to joining the staff of the seashore, Carrie was a Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Oregon and California.

Carrie holds a BS in Zoology from University of California at Davis and a MS in Ecology from Florida State University. She is originally from California and currently lives in Harwich, Massachusetts

Established in 1961, the NPS mission at Cape Cod National Seashore is to preserve the nationally significant and special natural and cultural features, distinctive patterns of human activity and ambience that characterize the Outer Cape, along with the associated scenic, cultural, historic, scientific, and recreational values, and to provide opportunities for current and future generations to experience, enjoy, and understand these features and values.

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